

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 529
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the students and faculty at Altruria Elementary School in Bartlett for receiving second place in Shelby County in the "Toyota Beautify Your School" Contest.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor and congratulate those teachers and students who, through their devotion to making a difference in their communities, have also made the State of Tennessee a better place for all of us to live; and

WHEREAS, the students and faculty at Altruria Elementary School in Bartlett are a fine example of such committed volunteers, having recently earned second place in Shelby County in the "Toyota Beautify Your School" Contest; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Toyota and the City Beautiful Commission, the contest was aimed at teaching students about conservation and the natural beauty of our State's resources; and

WHEREAS, the students of Altruria Elementary submitted their worthy project featuring a series of five gardens with walkways and stepping stones designed to attract fauna such as hummingbirds and butterflies; and

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WHEREAS, some of the gardens in the project are the Storybook Garden, the Peter Rabbit Garden, a garden shaped like the State of Tennessee, and the Alphabet Garden, in which all plants are in alphabetical order; and

WHEREAS, along with teachers Janet Futrell, Brenda Bailey, and Linda Wardlaw, over 100 students worked on the project at Altruria Elementary, some arriving as early as 7 A.M., and others staying until late in the evening or coming in on weekends; the teachers and most of the students comprise a group at Altruria that is known as the "Clean Club," which stands for "Children Leading Environmental Action Now"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Clean Club, members of the Boy and Girl Scouts and the Environmental Club also helped with the project; and

WHEREAS, for earning second place in the competition, Altruria Elementary School received a plaque and 250 dollars that will be used to purchase benches for the gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Altruria students and teachers exemplify the reason that Tennessee is known as the "Volunteer State"; their willingness to go the extra mile sets an example which all Tennesseans should be proud to follow; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor them for their tremendous efforts and achievements in conservation and beautification; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate faculty members Brenda Bailey, Janet Futrell, and Linda Wardlaw and the students of Altruria Elementary School on winning second place in Shelby County in the "Toyota Beautify Your School" Contest, and wish them the best in their every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

